CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Councilmember Linden led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, Johnson, Peretti, Gillespie, Morton, Linden and Whalen.

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Public Works Director Afzali, Finance Director Robbecke, City Engineer Jamie Carter and City Clerk Trisha Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Richard Cosner	Requested the City investigate the legality of the contract between the Milton 9/11 Memorial Committee, the legality of Jack Chandler's signature on the contract and the misrepresentations between the 9/11 Committee Chair and VFW Commander titles for Mr. Chandler. Would also like the city to investigate the legality of the building permit dated 11/7/18 signed by Mr. Vernon Dusseau and alleges that the volunteer and in-kind work is not being documented as required by the City of Milton.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There are currently two open positions on the Planning Commission, Positions 5 and 6. The city received four applications for the open positions, with one application being withdrawn. Mayor Styron Sherrell interviewed all applicants and recommends Richard Cosner and April Elliott to the Planning Commission.

Councilmembers expressed their pleasure at having four applicants apply and thanked all applicants for their interest.

MOTION "to approve the Mayor's appointment of April Elliott to the Planning Commission Position #5 for a term to expire 5/2021 and Richard Cosner to the Planning Commission Position #56 for a term to expire 5/2022." **Passed 7/0**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

a. Minutes Approval:
   i. March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting
   ii. March 9, 2020 Study Session
b. Claims Approval:
   i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 66717 to 66777 in the amount of $520,595.40.
   ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of March 5, 2020 in the amount of $214,691.66.
c. Public Works Contract for Well 5 replacement (Proj. 135)
d. Union Contract – Fraternal Order of Police
e. Union Contract – IBEW Local 483

MOTION (Johnson/Morton) "to approve the Consent Agenda." **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval of Park Board Plan 2020

City Engineer and Park Board Liaison Jamie Carter presented this item. The park board has come up this work plan with the help of staff and Mayor and is seeking approval of it from the City Council. The Park Board is excited to start tackling this work plan.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the work plan and thanked Mr. Carter for his time spent with the Park Board.

MOTION (Johnson/Linden) "to approve the Park Board Work Plan for 2020 and direct that the Park Board meeting agendas be scheduled to meet the goals therein." **Passed 7/0**

B. Budget Amendment Ordinance 1985-20 Approval

Finance Director Michelle Robbecke presented this item to council for a second time. Director Robbecke highlighted the adjustments the amendment ordinance would be correcting.

Council expressed appreciation for the way the reports are being presented and also the explanations of things being so detailed.

MOTION (Peretti/Johnson) "move to adopt Ordinance 1985-20 amending the 2020 budget as summarized in Exhibit A and reflecting detailed changes itemized in Exhibit B." **Passed 7/0**

C. Alder Street Water Main Acceptance

City Engineer Jamie Carter presented this item. The construction of Alder St Water Main Extension was completed in August of 2019 to provide high quality potable water to all the customers in the City of Milton's service area. The project is now ready to be accepted and proper releases done.

MOTION (Morton/Johnson) "move to accept the Alder Street Water Main Extension as complete and release the retainage to the Contractor, subject to proper releases from the State of Washington." **Passed 7/0**

D. Decant Facility Acceptance

City Engineer Jamie Carter presented this item. The Decant Facility was completed in December of 2019. The facility will help in the disposal of waste from drainage ditches and other city projects and reduce costs for disposal fees. This project has been in the making for several years and is now ready to be accepted with proper releases done.

Council is happy to see the facility complete and ready for staff use.

MOTION (Johnson/Whalen) "move to accept the City of Milton Decant Facility as complete and release the retainage to the Contractor, subject to proper releases from the State of Washington." **Passed 7/0**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Welcome new Planning Commission members!
- Everyone be safe and smart during this Covid-19 crisis.

Councilmember Linden -

- Keep an eye on food banks and donate blood. Stay safe.

Councilmember Johnson-

- Will not be posting about Covid on my Facebook, go to official sites for information.

Councilmember Whalen -

- The Covid crisis will have an impact on city residents and the city itself. Would like to see relief on utility bills and would like to see less meetings taking place also.
- I am not a member of the 9/11 committee any longer. The 9/11 committee was never a foundation and we have documents that need to be reviewed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Tony Hernandez, Police Chief-

- Will defer to the Mayor to update on Covid-19

Nick Afzali, Public Works Director-

- Installing two speed readers on 27th and Diamond. One NB and one SB
- Drivers are not paying attention for pedestrians at the four signal lights so signs are up, and we are hopeful this will help.
- PSRC grant submitted to connect the trail. King County is excited. We shall see.
- $5,000 grant from the Port of Seattle was awarded to the city to promote tourism. The grant will be used for banners and flags to promote the city.
- Asked Rep. Kim Schrier for $500,000 for a Hwy 99 corridor study. We will keep our fingers crossed this is awarded.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Richard, we will look into what you brought up during public comment at a later time.
- All three retirement communities are fine but really need to have visitors stay away. They do need hand sanitizers.
- There will be a blood drive on March 31st at the city for a half day and then it is moving to Edgewood for the remainder of the day.
- March of Diapers is still going. You can avoid the stores and ship via Amazon directly to the city.
- The Finance Dept and I have decided to not do door hangers and will work with the public regarding their utility bills. We do expect people to still try and pay during this time.
- We will be closing City Hall to the public tomorrow morning until April 3rd. Together we can do this, stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk